DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ATLANTIC, LOWER DELAWARE, LOWER RARITAN/MIDDLESEX, MERCER, MONMOUTH, NORTHEAST, OCEAN, TRICOUNTY, UPPER DELAWARE AND UPPER RARITAN, AREAWIDE WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLANS EXCEPT FOR THE AREA WITHIN THE HIGHLANDS PRESERVATION AREA

Public Notice

Take notice that the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (Department) has decided not to pursue the adoption of an amendment proposed October 17, 2005 to the Atlantic, Lower Delaware, Lower Raritan/Middlesex, Mercer, Monmouth, Northeast, Ocean, Tri-County, Upper Delaware and Upper Raritan Water Quality Management (WQM) Plans (see 37 NJR 4071(a); October 17, 2005). Through this plan amendment the Department proposed to withdraw and re-designate certain wastewater service area designations in wastewater management planning areas where wastewater management plans (WMPs) are out of compliance with the Water Quality Management Planning rules (N.J.A.C. 7:15).

In consideration of the comments received, the Department is examining alternatives that would address noncompliance with the requirement to prepare and update wastewater management plans and maximize the environmental benefit to be achieved by updating the plans.

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